

RRTF Meeting 10-9-02

On October 9, 2002, the Agency met with the Rodenticide Registrants Task Force (RRTF) to continue discussions surrounding the concerns and release (for public comment) of the eco. risk assessment.

The RRTF expressed concern over the notion that California and the EU could interpret the preliminary eco. assessment as the Agency's final word on rodenticide risks to non-targets, and take action based on it.

We emphasized to them that before publishing for public comment we would make it known with both California and Europe that it's a preliminary assessment and may be refined substantially before we decide if any further steps such as mitigation are needed. In addition, the document, overview, and summary will be clear about this as well.

The Agency also stated that it would take one more look at the risk assessment and make any necessary changes in order to eliminate any wording or analysis that could be wrongly interpreted and/or taken out of context of its original intent and purpose.